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LATIFA LYLES

Director
Women's Bureau
U.S. Department of Labor

Latifa Lyles is the Director of the Women's Bureau at the Department of Labor where she works to advance and improve standards, practices and opportunities for women in the labor force.

Ms. Lyles previously served as Vice President for Membership of the National Organization for Women (NOW), the nation's largest and oldest grassroots feminist advocacy group, where she served as a principal media spokesperson on a wide range of women's issues appearing on local and national radio and television, and she oversaw the organization's Direct Marketing program. Prior to her post at NOW, she managed the membership program at Public Justice, the nation's largest public interest law firm which specializes in a broad range of cases from employment discrimination to consumer protection. She has served as Co-chair of the Older Women's Economic Security Task force of the National Council of Women's Organizations, and on the Women's Coalition for Dignity and Diversity in Media.

Ms. Lyles has extensive community and political organizing experience and has been working in the social justice movement for over fifteen years, starting with her work in 1998 as Public Policy Associate for the Older Women's League (OWL), where she focused on economic security issues of mid-life and older women.



RAHM EMANUEL

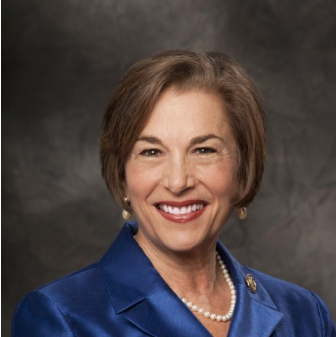
Mayor
City of Chicago

Rahm Emanuel was elected the 55th mayor of Chicago on February 22nd, 2011 and was sworn in on May 16th, 2011.

Since taking office, Mayor Emanuel announced the redeployment of over 1,000 police officers back onto beats in Chicago's neighborhoods and has attracted more than 25,000 private-sector jobs for residents across the city. Since taking office, Mayor Emanuel has enacted education reforms allowing for elementary students to gain an extra hour and 15 minutes every day and two additional weeks every year, and has submitted three balanced budgets that hold the line on taxes. Additionally, Mayor Emanuel launched Building a New Chicago, a \$7 billion coordinated infrastructure plan that will revitalize the city's roads, rails, and runways, and create tens of thousands of jobs for Chicagoans.

Prior to becoming Mayor, Emanuel served as the White House Chief of Staff in President Barack Obama's administration. Before accepting the position as Chief of Staff to the President, Emanuel served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives representing Chicago's 5th District. Prior to being elected to Congress, Emanuel served as a key member of the Clinton White House from 1993 to 1998, rising to serve as Senior Advisor to the President for Policy and Strategy.

Mayor Emanuel graduated from Sarah Lawrence College in 1981 and received a Master's Degree in Speech and Communication from Northwestern University in 1985. He is married to Amy Rule, and they have three children, Zach, Ilana, and Leah.



JAN SCHAKOWSKY
U.S. Representative
Illinois 9th Congressional
District

Jan Schakowsky has been a lifelong consumer advocate and a champion for, what she sees as, the disappearing middle class. From her days as a young housewife who led the campaign to put expiration dates on food products to the 2008 passage of legislation she helped write making children's products and toys safe, Jan has worked to make life better for working and middle class Americans.

Jan was elected to represent Illinois' 9th Congressional District in 1998, after serving for eight years in the Illinois General Assembly. She is in her eighth term, serving in the House Democratic leadership as a Chief Deputy Whip and as a member of the Steering and Policy Committee. She is a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, where she is the Ranking Democrat on the Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade Subcommittee, and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence where she is the Ranking Democrat on the Oversight Committee.

For decades, Jan identified her top priority as winning affordable, quality health care for all Americans. In 2009 and 2010, she played a leadership role in writing and passing the Affordable Care Act that finally established health care as a right and not a privilege in the United States.

Working and middle class people see Jan out there fighting for their jobs and paychecks at a time when income inequality has reached record levels. In 2010, then Speaker Pelosi appointed Jan to President Obama's 18-member National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform where she bucked the majority and offered her own proposal to balance the budget without cutting Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid – or further burdening struggling families.

Jan grew up in the 9th District and returns home every weekend to meet with individual constituents, business leaders, and groups large and small. She lives in Evanston, Illinois, with her husband Robert Creamer. Jan has three marvelous children, Ian, Mary and step-daughter Lauren, and six exceptional grandchildren – Isabel, Eve, Lucy, William, Aidan and Alice.



ANDREA WISHOM
Executive Vice President
Harpo Studios

Andrea Wishom is Executive Vice President of Harpo Studios, the award-winning production company in Chicago that creates original television programming for OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network.

In her role, Wishom serves as Executive Producer of Oprah's Next Chapter and Oprah Prime, producing exclusive interviews with Beyoncé, Lance Armstrong, Tina Turner and George Lucas among others. In addition to managing all aspects of the show's production, she supervises the Talent and Booking Division of Harpo.

During her 20-year tenure, Wishom has produced some of the most high-profile and renowned productions for The Oprah Winfrey Show, including "Wildest Dreams Come True," "Welcome Home Olympic Athletes in Millennium Park," "President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama" and the two-part star-studded Oprah Farewell at Chicago's United Center. Additionally, she was also part of the creative team on several ABC Primetime Specials ("Oprah's Legends Ball," "Oprah's Primetime Oscar Special 2010" and "Christmas at The White House").

Prior to joining Harpo she attended The University of California, Berkeley, where she received a B.A in English Literature. After graduation she spent a summer at the famed Radcliffe Publishing Course in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Andrea lives with her husband, Charles Young and their three children in the Kenwood/Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago.

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VALERIE JARRETT

Senior Advisor to
President Obama

Chair
White House Council on
Women and Girls

Valerie B. Jarrett is a Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama. She oversees the Offices of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs and chairs the White House Council on Women and Girls.

Prior to joining the Obama Administration, she was the Chief Executive Officer of The Habitat Company. She also served as Co-Chair of the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team, and Senior Advisor to Obama's presidential campaign.

Ms. Jarrett has held positions in both the public and private sector, including the Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, the Commissioner of Planning and Development for the City of Chicago, and Deputy Chief of Staff for Mayor Richard M. Daley. She also practiced law with two private law firms.

Jarrett also served as a director of corporate and not for profit boards, including Chairman of the Board of the Chicago Stock Exchange, Director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, and Chairman of the University of Chicago Medical Center Board of Trustees.

Jarrett received her B.A. from Stanford University in 1978 and her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1981.



TINA TCHEEN

Assistant to the President

Chief of Staff to the
First Lady

Executive Director
White House Council on
Women and Girls

Tina Tchen is an Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady Michelle Obama. Within the Obama Administration she also serves as the Executive Director for the Council on Women and Girls and the past Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement. Tchen was previously a partner in corporate litigation at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. In that capacity, Tchen represented public agencies in state and federal class actions, including the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, the Illinois Department of Public Aid, and the Chicago Housing Authority. Tchen is the recipient of many awards, including the Leadership Award from the Women's Bar Association of Illinois (1999); "Women of Achievement" award from the Anti-Defamation League (1996); and Chicago Lawyer "Person of the Year" (1994).



NEERA TANDEN

President of the Center
for American Progress

Counselor to the Center
for American Progress
Action Fund

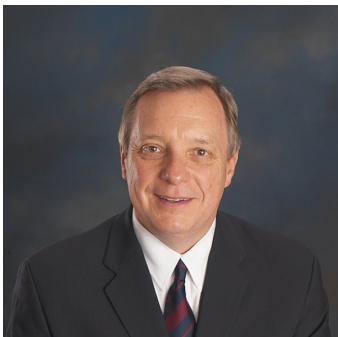
Neera Tanden is the President of the Center for American Progress and Counselor to the Center for American Progress Action Fund. Tanden has served in both the Obama and Clinton administrations, as well as presidential campaigns and think tanks. Most recently, Tanden served as the Chief Operating Officer for the Center, where she oversaw strategic planning, operations, and fundraising.

Tanden previously served as senior advisor for health reform at the Department of Health and Human Services, working on President Barack Obama's health reform team in the White House. In that role, she developed policies around reform and worked with Congress and stakeholders on particular provisions of the legislation.

Prior to that, Tanden was the director of domestic policy for the Obama-Biden presidential campaign, where she managed all domestic policy proposals. Tanden had also served as policy director for the Hillary Clinton presidential campaign, where she directed all policy work, ranging from domestic policy to the economy to foreign affairs, and managed day-to-day policy announcements. In that role, she also oversaw the debate preparation process for then-Sen. Clinton (D-NY).

Before the presidential campaign, Tanden was Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at CAP. Prior to that, she was one of the first senior staff members at the Center, joining as Senior Vice President for Domestic Policy when CAP first opened its doors. In between, Tanden was legislative director for Sen. Clinton, where she oversaw all policy and legislation in the Senate office. In 2000, she was Hillary Clinton's deputy campaign manager and issues director for her Senate campaign in New York. Tanden also served as associate director for domestic policy in the Clinton White House and senior policy advisor to the first lady.

Tanden has appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press," ABC's "This Week," CBS's "Face the Nation," "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," MSNBC, CNN, and Fox. She was named one of the "Most Influential Women in Washington" by National Journal and received the India Abroad Publisher's Award for Excellence in 2011. Tanden was recently included on Elle magazine's "Women in Washington Power List" and recognized as one of Fortune magazine's "Most Powerful Women in Politics." She received her bachelor of science from UCLA and her law degree from Yale Law School.



DICK DURBIN

U.S. Senator
Illinois

Senator Dick Durbin, a Democrat from Springfield, is the 47th U.S. Senator from the State of Illinois, the state's senior senator, and the convener of Illinois' bipartisan congressional delegation.

Durbin also serves as the Assistant Majority Leader, the second highest ranking position in the Senate. Also known as the Majority Whip, Senator Durbin has been elected to this leadership post by his Democratic colleagues every two years since 2006. In 2004, he was elected as Minority Whip. Durbin is only the fifth Illinois Senator in history to serve as a Senate leader.

Elected to the U.S. Senate on November 5, 1996, and re-elected in 2002 and 2008, Durbin fills the seat left vacant by the retirement of his long-time friend and mentor, U.S. Senator Paul Simon.

Durbin sits on the Senate Judiciary, Appropriations, Foreign Relations and Rules Committees. He is the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights and the Appropriations Committee's Defense subcommittee.

Senator Durbin makes approximately 50 round trips a year between Washington and Illinois. He is married to Loretta Schaefer Durbin. Their family consists of three children--Christine (deceased), Paul and Jennifer--as well as three grandchildren, Alex, Ona and Floyd. They reside in Springfield.



CRISTAL THOMAS
Deputy Governor
State of Illinois

Cristal Thomas, MPP, is the Deputy Governor of Illinois. Appointed by Governor Quinn in February 2011, she is responsible for overseeing implementation of the Governor's policy agenda and advising the Governor on critical policy, budget and management issues.

Cristal's primary areas of expertise include Medicaid and health care reform, performance management, budgeting, policy development and program design. She has applied this expertise to a broad range of projects within the Governor's Office. Currently she is leading implementation of the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid delivery system reforms, development of the state's Medicaid 1115 waiver, Budgeting for Results, Social Impact Bond, and anti-hunger initiatives.

Immediately preceding her appointment as Deputy Governor, Cristal was Region V Director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In this capacity she was responsible for advancing HHS priorities, including the Affordable Care Act, within a six state region. Before joining HHS she was Executive Director of the Ohio Executive Medicaid Management Administration, where she provided strategic direction and led business process improvement projects across six state agencies responsible for health care, aging, public health, behavioral health and developmental disability systems. She has also served as Ohio Medicaid Director, Assistant Director of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, and Policy Analyst in the White House Office of Management and Budget.

Cristal has a Bachelor of Science degree in molecular genetics from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio and a Masters degree in Public Policy Studies from the University of Chicago.



TERESA GING
Founder & Owner
Sugar Bliss Cake
Boutique

With a Bachelor's degree at the University of Chicago in Economics and Statistics and a career in finance for 6+ years, owner Teresa Ging left her finance position to attend Le Cordon Bleu Patisserie program in Paris. When she returned to Chicago she set out to pursue a dream to open a cupcake boutique and spent eight months testing cupcake recipes. In August 2007, Ging finalized the 20+ flavors in the Sugar Bliss cupcake collection and launched the catering and delivery side of the business in October 2007. She has expanded her client base with corporate customers, hotels, event and wedding planners and catering companies. In January 2009, Teresa Ging opened the first Sugar Bliss Cake Boutique retail location at 115 N Wabash in the Downtown Chicago Loop. In addition, she has received numerous awards since opening Sugar Bliss Cake Boutique including Best New Business in 2010 from the City Treasurer's Office/City of Chicago and Rising Star Award in 2011 from the Women's Business Development Center, as well as has been invited by President Obama to attend the signing of the White House Council on Women & Girls.



ANNE LADKY

Executive Director
Women Employed

Anne Ladky is a founding member of Women Employed. She joined the staff in 1977, and was named director in 1985. Ladky is a nationally recognized expert on equal opportunity issues, workplace fairness, workforce development and higher education policy, and issues affecting low-paid working women. She has developed and directed innovative advocacy and training programs designed to improve women's economic status. She is the author of numerous reports, articles, and testimony on women's economic issues.

Under Ladky's leadership, Women Employed has won numerous awards for program and management excellence, including the U.S. Department of Labor's Exemplary Public Interest Contribution (EPIC) Award, the Alphawood Foundation's Award for Sustained Excellence in Advocacy, the Sara Lee Spirit Award for organizational excellence, and the Lloyd A. Fry Foundation Urban Leadership Award.

Ladky has served on many public boards and commissions including the Chicago Workforce Investment Council, the Chicago Workforce Board, the Higher Education Finance Study Commission, the Illinois Workforce Investment Council, and the Community Advisory Council of the City Colleges of Chicago. In 2007, she was named a Visiting Social Activist at the Center for the Education of Women at the University of Michigan.

Ladky holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Northwestern University.



NICOLE MOUSKONDIS

Co-CEO
Nicholas & Company,
Inc.

Nicole Mouskondis currently serves as the Co-CEO of Nicholas & Company, Inc., a third generation family-owned and operated broadline foodservice distribution company, servicing customers in the Intermountain West. Nicole graduated from the University of Utah with a B.S. in Behavioral Science and Health, and received a Master's Degree in Strategic Communication and Leadership (MASCL) from Seton Hall University.

Prior to her tenure at Nicholas & Company, Inc., she was the Marketing & Program Director for Rocky Mountain Gymnastics, and worked with Coca-Cola USA to market Elite gymnastics competitions throughout the country. She began her career at Nicholas & Company as the Human Resources Assistant, and worked up through the department to become the VP of HR for seven years, followed by leading in a Senior Vice President role for twelve years.

Current Community Service and Board Memberships include: Member of Nicholas and Company, Board of Directors; Member of Wells Fargo Women's Advisory Board; Member of Ballet West, Board of Directors and Chair of HR Committee; UMFA Board Member; Member of The Employer's Council Board of Directors; WPO UT Chapter Member; American Cancer Society Gala Committee.

Former service contributions include: Human Resource Planning Committee for IFDA Productivity Conferences; Chair for SL March of Dimes "Star Chefs Gala"; SL Head Start Fundraising Committee Member; MDA Fundraising Committee Member; United Way Young Leaders Member; Greek Orthodox Church Parish Council Member.

Noteworthy Achievements: Recipient of Utah Business Magazine's "30 Women to Watch"; Salt Lake City Chamber's "Pathfinders" Award; Former member of both the USA National and University of Utah Gymnastics Teams.



VERONICA ARREOLA

Assistant Director of the
Center for Research on
Women and Gender

Director, Women in
Science and Engineering
(WISE) program at the
University of Illinois at
Chicago (UIC)

Veronica I. Arreola is the assistant director of the Center for Research on Women and Gender and the director of their Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) program at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) where she also earned both her degrees. WISE works to increase retention and graduation of women majoring in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) at UIC through a variety of programming which includes peer mentoring, a residence hall initiative, student organization and monthly seminars and workshops.

Arreola is a respected member of the local and national feminist community having worked with the Chicago Abortion Fund, Women In Media & News, Women, Media & Action, and many others. A veteran blogger, she hosts her own award-winning blog, Viva la Feminista, where she discusses the intersection between feminism, motherhood and being Latina. Her writing has been featured in the Women's Review of Books, Alternet, Encyclopedia of Motherhood, Bitch magazine, Ms. Magazine, the Christian Science Monitor, NPR.org and the Guardian's No Comment is Free. She is a frequent speaker on all things feminist, especially education equity, reproductive justice, feminist parenting and social media. Media appearances include being highlighted in Ms. magazine, an Emmy award winning feature on WGN-TV, NBC Nightly News, MSNBC, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, and WGN-Radio.

Arreola's honors include being named Woman of the Year by the UIC Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women, a Chicago Foundation for Women's Impact Award, Latinos in Social Media (LATiSM) Top Bloguera, Leadership Illinois and New Leaders Council 40 under 40 Leadership Award. A die-hard Chicago Cubs fan, Arreola lives on the north side of Chicago with her husband, daughter, and their two rescue dogs. She holds a bachelors degree in Biological Sciences and a masters in Public Administration, both with concentrations in Gender and Women's Studies. She is working on her Ph.D. in Public Administration with concentrations in public management and gender.



MARIA GREEN

Senior Vice President
General Counsel &
Secretary
Illinois Tool Works

Maria Green is Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Illinois Tool Works Inc. (ITW). Celebrating its 100-year anniversary in 2012, ITW (NYSE: ITW) is a Fortune 200 global diversified industrial manufacturer of value-added consumables and specialty equipment with related service businesses. The company focuses on profitable growth and strong returns across worldwide platforms and businesses. These businesses serve local customers and markets around the globe, with a significant presence in developed as well as emerging markets. ITW's revenues totaled \$17.9 billion in 2012, with more than half of these revenues generated outside of the United States.

Ms. Green joined ITW's Legal Department in 1997. Prior to joining ITW, Ms. Green was General Counsel of the Midwest Division of Amtrak, a senior associate at the law firm of Akin Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld in Washington, D.C. and in the legal department of Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company. In 2008, Ms. Green was promoted to Deputy General Counsel with responsibility for the Risk Management Group and ITW's in-house attorneys in France and China. Ms. Green was elected Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary in August, 2011.

Ms. Green has also been an adjunct professor at the John Marshall School of Law in Chicago, Illinois.

Ms. Green received a Juris Doctorate degree from Boston University and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Green is a member of the bar in New York, Illinois and the District of Columbia. She is also a Board Member of the DuSable Museum, the Chicago Urban League and the Goodman Theatre. She is a member of the Economic Club of Chicago, the American and Chicago Bar Associations, International Women's Forum, Executive Leadership Council and the Association of Corporate Counsel.

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JORGE QUEZADA
Chief Diversity Officer
Kraft Foods

Jorge Quezada is Kraft Foods Group's Chief Diversity Officer. In this role, he is enhancing Kraft's Diversity and Inclusion efforts in the workplace, marketplace and community. To seamlessly integrate diversity and inclusion into all parts of the business, Jorge is building organizational awareness and capability, uncovering synergies with the business units and functions, and turbocharging its employee resource groups to advance the company's business goals.

Jorge joined the Kraft family from Allstate where he held the role of Director of Inclusive Diversity. In this role, he was responsible for ensuring Allstate had inclusive diversity strategies in place to effectively contribute to the company's growth initiatives. Jorge enjoyed 27 years with Allstate where he began his career as human resources representative and ascended to various leadership roles in human resources, sales, claims and product operations and marketing.

Throughout the years, Jorge has been deeply involved in civic and community organizations, such as the Association of Hispanic Professionals for Education, the Urban League of Orange County (CA), Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Los Angeles. And in 2009, he was recognized with the Future Leaders Award by the National Society of Hispanic MBA – Chicago Chapter. In 2010, Jorge became a Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow and sits on its board of directors. He's also a board member of the Latino Policy Forum, the Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement (HACE) and the Chicago Posse Foundation.

Jorge holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Whittier College and a master's in business administration from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Jorge and his wife, Judith, live in Arlington Heights, Illinois with their two children.